Fire destroys edible oil factory

THATTA: A big fire broke out in an edible oil factory in Dhabeji destroying an unspecified quantity of oil, besides fixtures, furniture and other goods worth millions of rupees on Saturday.

The factory is located along Dhabeji section of the National Highway.

Rescue teams and firefighters rushed to the site and controlled the blaze after hours of hectic efforts.

Eyewitnesses said that the fire erupted suddenly and spread rapidly through the factory and its warehouse. Thick black smoke emanating from the burning structures enveloped the entire locality causing breathing problem to people.

Residents of the locality, who had gathered at the site to witness the firefighting, later held a protest demonstration over functioning of the factory so close to the residential area.

Chairman and several members of the UC, including Mitha Khan Kalmati, Shahid Khaskheli and Gul Shah, as well as a local leader of the Sindh Taraqqi-pasand Party (STP), Abdul Ghaffar Jokhio, joined the protest.

Some of the protesters claimed that the authorities concerned had already ordered closure of the factory but it was clandestinely continuing its operation, which had put lives of the people around it at high risk.—Correspondent

Two killers awarded death sentence

NAWABSHAH: The first additional district and sessions judge of Sanghar on Saturday awarded death sentence to two murder accused in separate cases.

Ali Raza Magsi was sentenced to death and fined Rs2m while his co-accused Waseem Magsi was handed a seven-year jail term with a fine of Rs200,000 after they were found guilty in the murder case of a woman, Sumaira Magsi. The case was registered against them last year at the Chhotiari police station.

In the other case, the judge sentenced Darya Khan Mallah to death with a fine of Rs5m after finding him guilty of killing two women, Pari Mallah and Sahiba Mallah, in 2022 within the jurisdiction of the Mangli police station. —Correspondent

Home minister slams parties targeting 18th Amendment, NFC award over Gul Plaza blaze

Says such tragedies should not be politicised; passing-out parade of 683 personnel held at Police Training Centre

Dawn Report

WOMEN personnel participate in the passing-out parade at the Police Training College on Saturday.—Dawn

NAWABSHAH / HYDERABAD: Sindh Home Minister Zia-ul-Hassan Lanjar has condemned all those individuals and parties criticising 18th Amendment and National Finance Commission (NFC) Award following the Gul Plaza fire incident, saying such tragedies should not be turned into political controversies.

He said this while speaking to the media after witnessing the passing-out parade at the Police Training College (PTC) in Shahdadpur on Saturday.

As many as 683 police personnel, including 263 women, successfully completed their training.

Expressing deep sorrow over the Gul Plaza tragedy, the home minister said that precious human lives had been lost and the entire provincial government was in mourning.

He regretted that the fire tragedy was being linked to the 18th Amendment and the NFC Award, which he described as beyond understanding.

Criticising leaders of the Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan, he said that politics over dead bodies was unacceptable under any circumstances. He added that such incidents could occur in Lahore, Peshawar, or any other city.

Speaking about law and order, the minister said that maintaining peace in the province was the government's top priority.

He added that full-scale measures were underway to eliminate dacoits in the katcha areas or compel them to surrender. He also informed that a special task force had been established to combat narcotics, which was working effectively.

Earlier, the home minister while addressing the passing-out parade congratulated newly inducted police personnel.

He expressed hope that they would uphold their commitment and ensure the protection of citizens' lives and property.

He said that the sacrifices of Sindh Police were a matter of pride, and that police personnel remained engaged in safeguarding the public from urban centres to riverine belt areas.

He said that there were no "no-go areas" left in Sindh, though operations were still ongoing in the riverine regions of Ghotki and Kashmore.

Referring to President Asif Ali Zardari's vision, he said that a large number of dacoits in Shikarpur had surrendered and were now facing legal proceedings.

He stated that Sindh and Punjab Police were jointly conducting operations in border regions. He thanked Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz for appreciating the performance of the Sindh Police and Rangers, and said that peace could only be further strengthened through coordinated cooperation.

Speaking about Karachi, Mr Lanjar said that the crime rate in the city had significantly declined compared to previous years, and that Karachi's crime rate was lower than many major cities around the world.

He directed police officials to further improve performance and maintain public trust. He expressed hope that the newly appointed inspector general of police (IGP) would raise police morale further.

He also praised the principal of the Police Training College and her team, stressing that modern training, specialised skills-based courses, and the development of professional police officers were essential needs of the time, as social progress was not possible without the rule of law.

Speaking on the occasion, IGP Javed Alam Odho emphasised that policing was not merely about force, but a commitment to the rule of law, respect for human rights, discipline, and public service.

He appreciated the efforts of the training college administration and said that modern facilities and professional training were a source of pride for young officers.

He congratulated all passing-out personnel and expressed hope that they would serve Sindh Police with honesty, courage and justice.

PTC Principal Zahida Parveen also addressed the gathering.

PPP leaders including Senator Qurat-ul-Ain Mari, Ajiz Dhamra, Alauddin Junejo and others were also present.

Hyderabad Bar vows to challenge SBC ruling before PBC

Insists holding general body is its fundamental right

By Mohammad Hussain Khan

HYDERABAD: High Court Bar Association (HCBA), Hyderabad, remained unfazed by the recent ruling of the Sindh Bar Council restraining all the Bars, whose election has been scheduled, from holding general body meeting, issuing resolutions or condemnations.

The SBC executive committee had issued the order on Jan 22. The Hyderabad Bar's election are scheduled to be held on Feb 14.

SBC Secretary Pervez Ali Memon had issued a letter to the Hyderabad Bar's president / general secretary to suspend operation of its Jan 21 circular whereby membership of 153 members was suspended. The SBC letter was issued on an application filed by Parkash Kumar and Sundar Das against the HCBA circular.

HCBA office-bearers, including president and general secretary told *Dawn* on Saturday that they would challenge the SBC decision before the Pakistan Bar Council (PBC).

They said HCBA would, however, not hold its meeting scheduled for Jan 26 (Monday).

The Jan 26 special general body meeting of HCBA was supposed to decide the scheduled holding of Feb 14 elections. According to the circular, "the meeting is being called in larger interest of transparency, accountability and digital modernisation of bar's electoral and administrative processes".

The circular was issued, according to HCBA general secretary Israr Chang, to decide the schedule and framework of HCBA polls 2026; finalise voter list and address issue of dual bar memberships; implementation of biometric-based voting; and presentation on progress of internal digital system developed by the association.

When confronted with SBC's Jan 22 decision, he said he believed that this would be questioned before Pakistan Bar Council (PBC) or a petition should be filed before competent forum. "We are separate entity. The appeal against HCBA's circular was filed by two members but SBC has gone to an extra mile to decide their appeal. SBC curbed HCBA's fundamental right of holding general body meeting or passing any resolution. We will take some decision on SBC's Jan 22 ruling by adopting the legal course," Advocate Chang said.

In fact, he said, those 153 members who had cast their vote in HCBA Karachi's polls in November would now be exercising their right of vote in HCBA's polls two months later in February. "Isn't it interesting?" he wondered. Interestingly, he said, any appeal by a candidate or voter against HCBA election committee's decision would be filed before SBC executive committee which was now headed by Ayaz Tunio, who himself is candidate in the scheduled HCBA polls.

A contest between pro- and anti-PPP lawyers

Sindh Bar Council's elections have been an interesting political affair this time as the advocates are clearly divided between pro- and anti-PPP government groups. One is led by Home Minister Ziaul Hassan Lanjar, who happened to be a lawyer by profession, the other is known as 'Watan Parast' or 'Sindh Dost' group while a third group comprises 'independents', who were mostly form Karachi. The Watan Parast group's lawyers mostly have nationalist leaning over the issues relating to Sindh's permanent interest and, as such, they question PPP's government.

In the 33-member SBC, a substantial number of lawyers belonging to the anti-PPP group were elected. Notables among them were Khuda Bux Leghari and Mir Mangrio from Hyderabad division. "Zia group had won 15 seats out of 33 and Watan Parast had won 12 but six independents had joined the Zia group," said Mir Mangrio.

HCBA's general secretary also has same wavelength. He was the only HCBA office-bearer who had invited Khyber Pakhtunkhwa chief minister Sohail Afridi to visit the Bar although it, through a majority decision, disapproved the request of Barrister Azmat Channa of the Insaf Lawyer Forum to invite Mr Afridi.

Sohail Afridi did visit the HCBA and addressed lawyers on Chang's invitation.

HCBA's former president and newly-elected SBC executive committee chairman Ayaz Tunio, being chairman of the committee, recused from chairing the committee's Jan 22 meeting because the matter pertained to the parent Bar. Advocate Tunio is a close associate of Zia Lanjar.

"If HCBA holds the general body meeting, it will be deemed illegal unless SBC's decision is overturned by the Pakistan Bar Council," said Advocate Tunio, who comes from Lanjar group. He is a candidate for the post of 'president' in the Feb 14 HCBA election.

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Late Mrs. Nilofer Shahnawaz

Additional District & Sessions Judge
14-09-1959 to 25-01-2010

Unknown paths ahead
Never knowing what lies ahead
But whatever it is, we will face
With your strength, wisdom and faith

میں ڈھونڈنا چاہوں تو کہاں ڈھونڈوں تجھے
میں سوچنا چاہوں تو کہاں سوچوں تجھے
جہاں سیپوں کا گھر ہو اور ہوا موتی ہو
نرم سنہرے پہ سورج کی کرن سوتی ہو
بسا رہتا ہو نگاہوں میں تیری تمنا کا سرور
بند گلابوں کو شبنم سے صبا دھوتی ہو

Please recite Fateha for the departed soul.

Justice (R) Shahnawaz Tariq
Eng. Muhammad Shamail Khan
Advocate Dr. M. Shahrukh Shahnawaz
Barrister Neel Kanwal Shahnawaz

BEFORE MR. NADEEM BADAR KAZI, JUDGE. PHONE NO: 074-9410901
BANKING COURT NO-II, LARKANA DIVISION AT LARKANA.

HOUSE NO: C-3 WAKEEL COLONY WAGON ROAD NEAR PS SACHAL LARKANA
NOTICE U/S 9(5) OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE 2001. SUIT NO: 08 OF 2026.

ZARAI TARAQIATI BANK LIMITED OF PAKISTAN,
BRANCH AT Garhi Yasin.....**PLAINTIFF**

VERSUS

Late Sultan Ahmed S/o Muhammad Jadal, by Caste Abro, R/o Village Gahejo, P.O Gaheja, Taluka Garhi Yaseen, District Shikarpur Since died through his legal heirs. a. Mudasir Hussain S/o Late Sultan Ahmed Abro, aged about 24 years. b. Tajmul Hussain S/o Late Sultan Ahmed Abro, Aged about 27 years. c. Muzamil Hussain S/o Late Sultan Ahmed Abro, aged about 29 years All by Caste Abro. R/o Village Gaheja, P.O Gaheja, Taluka Garhi Yaseen, Disrtict Shikarpur.....**DEFENDANT**

To The above name Defendant.

WHEREAS, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Suit Under Section 9(1) of Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance 2001, for recovery of **Rs:1533308/-** of balance of principal interest/markup (A copy of Plaint is annexed hereto.)

You are, therefore, hereby summoned to obtain leave from this Court within (30) days from the cate of service hereof to appear and defend the suit, within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you. In default whereof the plaintiff will be entitled at any time after the expiration of such thirty days tc obtain a decree for any sum not exceeding the sum of **Rs: 1533308/-** and the costs of the suit as the Court may order.

Leave to appear may be obtained on an application to the Court supported by a Affidavit or declaration showing that there is a defence to the suit on the merits, or that it is reasonable that you should be allcwed to appear in the suit, which is fixed for hearing on 12-02-2026 at 8.30 am.

Given under my hand and seal of the court this 16th day of January, 2026.

BY ORDER (GHULAM QADIR GOPAND I/C READER BANKING COURT-II, LARKANA

BEFORE MR. NADEEM BADAR KAZI, JUDGE. PHONE NO: 074-9410901
BANKING COURT NO-II, LARKANA DIVISION AT LARKANA.

HOUSE NO: C-3 WAKEEL COLONY WAGON ROAD NEAR PS SACHAL LARKANA
NOTICE U/S 9(5) OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE 2001. SUIT NO: 16 OF 2026.

ZARAI TARAQIATI BANK LIMITED OF PAKISTAN,
BRANCH AT JACOBABAD.....**PLAINTIFF**

VERSUS

Mashooq Ali S/o Abdul Fatah, by Caste Luhur, Muslim, Adult, R/o Village Murad Ali Luhur, P.O. Dodapur, Taluka Garhi Khero & District Jacobabad.....**DEFENDANT**

To The above name Defendant.

WHEREAS, the above named Plantiff has filed a Suit Under Section 9(1) of Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance 2001, for recovery of **Rs:1524406/-** of balance of principal interest/markup (A copy of Plaint is annexed hereto.)

You are, therefore, hereby summoned to obtain leave from this Court within (30) days from the cate of service hereof to appear and defend the suit, within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you. In default whereof the plaintiff will be entitled at any time after the expiration of such thirty days tc obtain a decree for any sum not exceeding the sum of **Rs: 1524406/-** and the costs of the suit as the Court may order.

Leave to appear may be obtained on an application to the Court supported by a Affidavit or declaration showing that there is a defence to the suit on the merits, or that it is reasonable that you should be allcwed to appear in the suit, which is fixed for hearing on 13-02-2026 at 8.30 am.

Given under my hand and seal of the court this 17th day of January, 2026.

BY ORDER (GHULAM QADIR GOPAND I/C READER BANKING COURT-II, LARKANA

BEFORE MR. NADEEM BADAR KAZI, JUDGE. PHONE NO: 074-9410901
BANKING COURT NO-II, LARKANA DIVISION AT LARKANA.

HOUSE NO: C-3 WAKEEL COLONY WAGON ROAD NEAR PS SACHAL LARKANA
NOTICE U/S 9(5) OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE 2001. SUIT NO: 11 OF 2026.

ZARAI TARAQIATI BANK LIMITED OF PAKISTAN,
BRANCH AT JACOBABAD.....**PLAINTIFF**

VERSUS

Bahadur S/o Karam Ali, by Caste Brohi, Muslim, Adult, R/o Village Nooruddin, P.O. Dodapur, Tehsil Garhi Khairo & District Jacobabad.....**DEFENDANT**

To The above name Defendant.

WHEREAS, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Suit Under Section 9(1) of Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance 2001, for recovery of **Rs:1276885/-** of balance of principal interest/markup (A copy of Plaint is annexed hereto.)

You are, therefore, hereby summoned to obtain leave from this Court within (30) days from the date of service hereof to appear and defend the suit, within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you. In default whereof the plaintiff will be entitled at any time after the expiration of such thirty days to obtain a decree for any sum not exceeding the sum of **Rs: 1276885/-** and the costs of the suit as the Court may order.

Leave to appear may be obtained on an application to the Court supported by a Affidavit or declaration showing that there is a defence to the suit on the merits, or that it is reasonable that you should be allowed to appear in the suit, which is fixed for hearing on 13-02-2026 at 8.30 am.

Given under my hand and seal of the court this 17th day of January, 2026.

BY ORDER (GHULAM QADIR GOPAND I/C READER BANKING COURT-II, LARKANA

BEFORE MR. NADEEM BADAR KAZI, JUDGE. PHONE NO: 074-9410901
BANKING COURT NO-II, LARKANA DIVISION AT LARKANA.

HOUSE NO: C-3 WAKEEL COLONY WAGON ROAD NEAR PS SACHAL LARKANA
NOTICE U/S 9(5) OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE 2001 SUIT NO 31 OF 2026

NATIONAL BANK OF PAKISTAN
BRANCH AT TOWER ROAD JACOBABAD.....**PLAINTIFF**

VERSUS

GHULAM SHABIR S/o SOOFI GULBAHAR, BY CASTE LASHARI, THROUGH HIS LEGAL HEIRS **MST. AMBREEN WD/O GHULAM SHABIR** R/O NEAR DEGREE COLLAGE SHIKARPUR ROAD, MUHALLA DARGAH SOOFI GUL BAHAR JACOBABAD TALUKA AND DISTRICT JACOBABAD. DESIGNATION: PRIMAY SCHOOL TEACHER MOB. NO. 0308-4013486.....**DEFENDANTS**

To The above name Defendant.

WHEREAS, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Suit Under Section 9(1) of Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance 2001, for recovery of **Rs:1003114/-** of balance of principal interest/markup (A copy of Plaint is annexed hereto.)

You are, therefore, hereby summoned to obtain leave from this Court within (30) days from the date of service hereof to appear and defend the suit, within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you. In default whereof the plaintiff will be entitled at any time after the expiration of such thirty days to obtain a decree for any sum not exceeding the sum of **Rs: 1003114/-** and the costs of the suit as the Court may order.

Leave to appear may be obtained on an application to the Court supported by a Affidavit or declaration showing that there is a defence to the suit on the merits, or that it is reasonable that you should be allowed to appear in the suit, which is fixed for hearing on 14-02-2026 at 8.30 am.

Given under my hand and seal of the court this 19th day of January, 2026.

BY ORDER (GHULAM QADIR GOPAND I/C READER BANKING COURT-II, LARKANA

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SOYEM

With profound grief we announce the passing away of

MRS. HABIBA RASUL VIRK

w/o Late Col (R) Ghulam Rasool Virk

She passed away peacefully in Karachi on **Friday, 23rd January 2026**. She will be lovingly remembered and deeply missed.

Soyem (for Ladies & Gents) will be held on **Sunday, 25th January 2026**, between Asr and Maghrib, at House No. 50, Street 6 Off Khayaban-e-Momin, DHA, Phase V, Karachi.

Bereaved Family:

Dr. Saadia Rasul Virk & Dr. Mumtaz Maher
Ahmed Rasul Virk
Adeeba Rasul Virk
Amna Rasul Virk Darby & Allan Darby
Begum and Lt. General (R) Tariq Ghazi

Please remember her in your prayers.
May Allah grant her maghfirat and Jannat-ul-Firdous. Ameen.